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CALICO Graduate Student SIG events: Past, present, and future

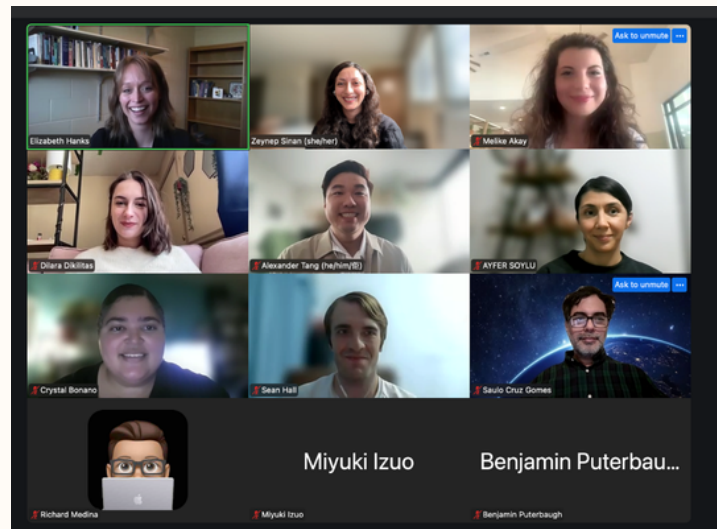
Since the start of the academic year, the CALICO Graduate Students Special Interest (SIG) leadership team has continued working together with both its new and more seasoned members. Our main goal this year is to support and grow our student community by sharing resources, events, grants, resources, and relevant opportunities on our Slack channel as well as through our LinkedIn, Instagram, and Facebook groups.

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CALICoffee#2

CALI COFFEE#2 25-26
Analyzing learner language through online corpora
DR. ELIZABETH HANKS
FRIDAY, FEB 20
1 PM ET
12 PM CT
8 AM HST
This event is on Zoom
To register:
<https://tinyurl.com/calicoffee2>

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We were honored to welcome Dr. Elizabeth Hanks to this session!

She gave us a comprehensive and cutting-edge talk on digital discourse analysis, using online corpora as a research tool to examine learner language. CALICO participant graduate students' attendance and active engagement fostered a collaborative atmosphere among us. Thanks to everyone attending!

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CALICoffee#3



CALI COFFEE#3 25-26
Computer-assisted language testing

DR. XUN YAN

FRIDAY, APRIL 3
2 PM **ET**
1 PM **CT**
9 AM **HST**

This event is on Zoom
To register:
<https://tinyurl.com/calicoffee5>



CALICO GRADUATE STUDENT SIG



We were honored to welcome Dr. Xun Yan to this session!

He provided us with valuable insights about the current status and future implications of Computer-Assisted Language Testing (CALT). The CALICO graduate students had a chance to ask their questions and explore the depths of CALT in our community event. Thanks to everyone attending!

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Reading Circle#1

2025-2026

READING CIRCLE#1



WE WILL BE READING:

Stell, A. (2025). Exploring multimodality in technology-mediated collaborative writing: A lens through activity theory. *Language Learning & Technology*, 29(3), 182–204. <https://doi.org/10.64152/10125/7365>

Discussion Leader: Alexander Tang, University of Hawaii at Manoa

FRIDAY, JAN 30
12 pm ET / 11 am CT / 7 am HST

This event is on Zoom
<https://tinyurl.com/3w65fuy2>



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With the guidance of our discussion leader, Alex, we examined the research foci of digital multimodal composing. Our discussion was based on Stell (2025). Thanks to everyone attending!

Reading Circles

Did you know that you can lead our next Reading Circle?

We are inviting SIG members to host reading circles! These reading circles are one-hour sessions where members discuss a recent paper in CALL, guided by 2–3 questions to help shape the conversation. Any SIG member is welcome to organize or co-organize a session. If you are interested in organizing one in the next semester, feel free to reach out as well, so we can start planning next semester's calendar accordingly!

What you need to do to organize a Reading Circle

- Choose a recent CALL paper of your interest (e.g., AI-powered tools for L2 learning, MALL, gaming, AR, VR, inclusive CALL, etc.)
- Share the paper with the co-chairs (email addresses below) and suggest 2–3 dates & times.
- We will check the preferred dates on Slack & pick one based on what most people prefer.
- Once the date is set, you can create the event link, or we can do it for you.
- The co-chairs will design a flyer, featuring the organizer names, and share it on the SIG social media—no need to worry about it!
- Lead the reading circle. Ideally, you may want to start with a brief intro to the paper and guide the discussion with a few pretty broad questions

FAQs:

- Are there other opportunities to host a SIG event as a member?
 Yes! This year, we are offering members the chance to organize additional events, such as tool reviews, in either a "workshop" or presentation style. If you have an idea in mind, please let us know what you'd like to do! Do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions!

Graduate Student Spotlight

Mun Kyung Jung

MATESL Alumnus, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

As a Captain in the Republic of Korea (ROK) Army and a MATESL student at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, my graduate life has been a unique intersection between military experience and language education. Commissioned in 2020, I never expected to find myself in academia. I aimed to focus on building military expertise and believed my life would involve numerous nights out in the field. However, after being selected to become a professor of Military English at a service academy in South Korea, I was sent to the U of I to earn my Master's in Teaching English as a Second Language (MATESL) degree.



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Want to be featured for your academic achievements in our next newsletter? Keep an eye out for the interest form that will be sent, or contact us.

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Upcoming Conference Events

PANEL

*'GRADUATE STUDENT JOURNEYS
AND ADVICE IN PUBLISHING
RESEARCH IN CALL'*



Dr. Randall W Sadler
University of Illinois Urbana Champaign



Dr. Francesco Marino
Ohio University

Moderators

- Zeynep Sinan, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
- Alexander Tang, University of Hawaii at Manoa
- Melike Akay, University of South Florida

CALICO Graduate Student SIG Co-chairs

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**July 10, 2026
9:50 am - 11:00 am
MCC 154**



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CALICO 2026

WEDNESDAY | **7:45 PM**
July 8 | AFTER THE OPENING
RECEPTION

 **MAC & JOE'S RESTAURANT**
21 E HIGH ST, OXFORD

**Join us for casual chats,
good vibes, and new
connections!**

Meet fellow grads and learn
about the SIG!

Note: Drinks will be at your own
expense.



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Welcome the 2026– 2027 Team!

Ming Chen, PhD in Education, University of Bristol

I am a PhD candidate in Education at the University of Bristol, specialising in technology-enhanced language learning, virtual reality, AI-assisted language learning, and learner engagement. My research explores how emerging technologies can support meaningful and collaborative language learning in classroom contexts. I have presented at conferences including BERA and BAAL, and published preliminary work in journals such as *System* and *Language Learning & Technology*. I am running for the Co-Chair position to support a more inclusive, collaborative, and internationally connected CALICO community. In particular, I hope to help create more opportunities and reduce barriers for graduate students and emerging scholars working across different contexts and disciplines.

Roseline Adeleke, PhD in French, The Ohio State University

My name is Roseline Adeleke. I am a graduate student in French and Francophone Studies with experience teaching French at the college level. My position as a graduate student and instructor has helped me develop leadership skills through classroom instruction, curriculum and lesson design, and collaboration with colleagues in academic settings. As an instructor and researcher, I am passionate about exploring ways to integrate technology into language instruction. I am running for the Co-Chair position to support and advocate for graduate students because I am committed to strengthening networks and helping guide initiatives that promote collaboration, and opportunities for development and meaningful engagement within the CALICO community.

Kyoungeun Song, MA in Teaching and Learning, Indiana State University

I am an M.A. student in Teaching and Learning at Indiana State University and an elementary school teacher from South Korea with 13 years of classroom experience. My research interests include computer-assisted language learning, generative AI in language education, AI-mediated scaffolding, and learner participation in elementary EFL classrooms. I will present a poster at CALICO 2026. I am motivated to run for the CALICO Graduate Student SIG Co-Chair position because I hope to support graduate students by fostering networking, research sharing, and collaborative professional development. I would also like to contribute an international, classroom-based perspective to the CALL community.

News from the 2025–2026 Leadership Team



Congratulations to Melike Akay who was recently awarded the NFMLTA Dissertation Writing Support Grant! Melike has received grant funds to support her dissertation on undergraduate students' mobile language learning habits, user experiences, and perceived effectiveness of mobile apps when compared to classroom-based learning.

Congratulations to Zeynep Sinan, who is working on two MA degrees and writing two theses concurrently, on successfully completing her first MA from METU! Her article proposal, which was created from her thesis, was accepted for the CALICO 2027 Special Issue!



Congratulations to Alexander F. Tang, who recently published in a technology in practicum forum article in *Language Learning & Technology*! Here is the APA citation of his publication:

Tang, A. F., & Honeycutt, D. B. (2026). Multiliteracies for generative artificial intelligence-assisted digital multimodal composing: A technology-in-practice approach. *Language Learning & Technology*, 30(1), 1–13.
<https://doi.org/10.64152/10125/73671>



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Join CALICO!

CALICO is a great organization for people interested in
and researching language learning and technology!

Benefits for students include:

- Discounted membership (\$30) and conference registration fees
- Access to CALICO Journal content
- Eligibility to apply for CALICO awards
- Opportunities to join different Special Interest Groups (e.g., Gaming, VR, SLA, Graduate Students)
- Volunteering opportunities at the conference to save on registration fees
- Mentorship opportunities and events
- An outstanding, supportive academic community
- And more!

Read more about the Grad SIG on our webpage.
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membership, [click here!](#)

Resources for Graduate Students

Grants and Awards for Graduate Students

- [CALICO Outstanding Graduate Student Award](#)
- [Mango Languages Dissertation Award](#)
- [Duolingo Dissertation and Independent Research Grants](#)
- [Language Learning Doctoral Dissertation Research Grants](#)
- [Lumina Foundation for Education](#)
- [American Association of University Women](#)
- [ETS Small Grants for Doctoral Research in Second or Foreign Language Assessment](#)
- [ETS TOEFL Young Students Series Research Program: Research](#)

Grants for Graduate Students

- [NFMLTA/MLJ grants](#)
- [NCOLCTL grants/awards](#)
- [TIRF-Duolingo Doctoral Dissertation Grant](#)

CALL Conferences to Look Out for

- CALICO 2027
- EuroCALL 2027
- AZ-CALL 2027
- International CALL 2027
- GloCALL 2027

Journals with a Focus on CALL

- [CALICO Journal](#)
- [Computer-Assisted Language Learning \(CALL\)](#)
- [Language Learning and Technology \(LLT\)](#)
- [ReCALL](#)
- [System](#)
- [CALL-EJ](#)
- [FLTMAG](#)
- [Research in Learning Technology \(RLT\)](#)
- [Educational Technology & Society \(ET&S\)](#)

If you know of grants/awards, conferences, or journals that should be included in our list, please contact us!

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